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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Luck Lode Mine Project, a facility utilizing physical separation methods to extract gold, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV2002106 is:

Eldorado Mining, Inc.
Luck Lode Mine Project
P.O. Box 147
Searchlight, NV 89046

The facility, known as the Luck Lode Mine Project, located in the New York Mountain Range, approximately 1.2 miles south of State Route 164 in the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$, of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 68 East, MDB&M, Clark County, Nevada.

The project consists of a physical separation facility (Nevada Administrative Code 445A.414) with an estimated maximum production rate of 500,000 tons of ore per year. The project consists of a physical separation facility utilizing a crushers, a concentrator and shaker tables to extract gold from ore excavated on site. The de-watered concentrate would be transferred to shipping containers for transport to an off site refiner for sale. No chemicals are approved for use in the recovery process and make-up water is recycled. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

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The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit renewal or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the new permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit renewal, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (June 13, 2003) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Capitol Complex
Attn: Alan Tinney
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact [Alan Tinney](#) at (775) 687-9414, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>.